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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q65941

Tetsuo WATANABE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/934,578

Group Art Unit: 1771

Confirmation No.: 7895

Examiner: Victor S. Chang

Filed: August 23, 2001

For: MEDICAL PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE TAPE OR SHEET, AND FIRST AID
ADHESIVE TAPE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated November 19, 2002, please consider the following:

Regarding claim 1, Applicants elect (B) fatty acid ester from among Group I, and (F) olefin thermoplastic elastomer from among Group II.

With regard to claim 7, Applicants elect (H) hydrogenated styrene-butadiene rubber from among Group III.

Each of the above elections of species is without traverse. Upon finding the elected species allowable, the Examiner is respectfully requested to examine all claims generic thereto.

With respect to (B) fatty acid ester, claims 1-8 are considered to generically read on or encompass the elected species (claim 5 does not exclude the presence of a fatty acid ester although a metal soap is defined more particularly). Regarding (F) olefin thermoplastic